

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CANDIDATES:
QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES MAY 2008**

DISTRICT #2 DIANNE JACOB vs. RUDY REYES

1. Do you believe it would be beneficial to the community you represent to hold regular town hall meetings where your constituents could communicate with you on community concerns? Please elaborate as to why or why not.

ANSWER: INCUMBENT DIANNE JACOB

Ms. Jacob did not have the time necessary to complete the questionnaire.

ANSWER: CHALLENGER RUDY REYES

Yes, we should hold town hall meetings as a method of keeping the County Supervisors close to the voters and voices of the community.

2. As the elected representative of citizens in your District, how do you, or how will you, provide oversight of the County's Chief Administration Officer and the wide spread County programs?

ANSWER: INCUMBENT DIANNE JACOB

Ms. Jacob did not have the time necessary to complete the questionnaire.

ANSWER: CHALLENGER RUDY REYES

Oversight of the County's Chief Administration Officer and the wide spread County programs are a major issue in San Diego County. I would like to work very closely with the County's Chief Administration Officer to know the real problems in my county. Programs in the county need a county leader; someone who will personally look into how these programs are running and listen to the program workers to improve said programs from the inside.

3. What oversight responsibilities do you believe the Board of Supervisors should take regarding the conduct of elections in San Diego County?

ANSWER: INCUMBENT DIANNE JACOB

Ms. Jacob did not have the time necessary to complete the questionnaire.

ANSWER: CHALLENGER RUDY REYES

Oversight responsibilities of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors should include secure, accurate, fair, non-partisan elections. Overseeing all elections within all of San Diego County, with an unbiased attitude towards an outcome where every vote counts.

As a member of the Board of Supervisors, I would educate myself to the

elections process and the issues that have been brought to my attention by the public. I would maintain communication with the community and take those concerns to the Chief Administrative Officer to get answers to those concerns.

4. Do you support the County Board of Supervisors recent decision to sue California's Secretary of State due to her mandating a 10% hand count of votes when the difference between the candidates or initiatives is $\frac{1}{2}$ of one percent or less. If yes, why? If not, why not?

ANSWER: INCUMBENT DIANNE JACOB

Ms. Jacob did not have the time necessary to complete the questionnaire.

ANSWER: CHALLENGER RUDY REYES

No, the County Board of Supervisors recent decision to sue California's Secretary of State due to her mandating a 10% hand count of votes when the difference between the candidates or initiatives is $\frac{1}{2}$ of one percent or less; is a ruse to secure an easy re-election to their county seats. They are in reality suing for less stringent laws in regards to election.

5. In a close election a candidate may request a hand counted recount of the race. Who do you think should cover the costs of such a recount and why?

ANSWER: INCUMBENT DIANNE JACOB

Ms. Jacob did not have the time necessary to complete the questionnaire.

ANSWER: CHALLENGER RUDY REYES

In a close election case a candidate may request a hand counted recount of the race. The candidate of the election who asked for the recount should cover the costs of the recount.

6. What aspects of our election process do you consider to be the strongest and which aspects do you consider to be the weakest?

ANSWER: INCUMBENT DIANNE JACOB

Ms. Jacob did not have the time necessary to complete the questionnaire.

ANSWER: CHALLENGER RUDY REYES

Strongest: Mail in ballots that allow many new and home-bound voters to participate in elections.

Weakest: Michael Vu is in San Diego Registry of Voters office. He was responsible for another state election that was fouled. Not having enough machines in democratic areas to lower voter outcome was a problem. Two of the people under his supervision were convicted of felonies. Now he

has moved to San Diego.

7. What would you recommend to further strengthen the elections process?

ANSWER: INCUMBENT DIANNE JACOB

Ms. Jacob did not have the time necessary to complete the questionnaire.

ANSWER: CHALLENGER RUDY REYES

We need a system of checks and balances. We need a County Board of Supervisors who we can trust and that will listen and respond to the needs of the citizens of San Diego County.

8.. There are a number of people in San Diego County who believe that hand counting paper ballots at the precinct level is the best way to verify the accuracy of an election.

This hand count would then be compared with the numbers produced by the Central Tabulator at the Registrar of Voters Office. This checks and balance system would raise the confidence of voters in the validity of our elections

What do you think of such a system of checks and balances and would you be willing to listen to the supporters of this system regarding the practicalities of this approach?

ANSWER: INCUMBENT DIANNE JACOB

Ms. Jacob did not have the time necessary to complete the questionnaire.

ANSWER: CHALLENGER RUDY REYES

I strongly support such a system of checks and balances and would be willing to listen to the supporters of this system regarding the practicalities of this approach. If elected would push for it.

9. There is a strong movement in San Diego County for publicly funded elections. The opinion of supporters is that such elections will prevent "Big Money" from ruling our elections and will allow all candidates and office holders to spend more time meeting their constituents and less time raising money.

What do you think of such a publicly funded elections system?

ANSWER: INCUMBENT DIANNE JACOB

Ms. Jacob did not have the time necessary to complete the questionnaire.

ANSWER: CHALLENGER RUDY REYES

I strongly support publicly funded elections in San Diego County. San Diego County Supervisors currently has a \$2 million dollar slush fund which they can distribute to various groups who are therefore supportive of the candidate when his or her election approaches. They also get a great deal of media recognition which is very difficult for challenging candidates to obtain.

As a method of fair elections we need to prevent "Big Money" from ruling our elections, this will allow all candidates and office holders to spend more time meeting their constituents and less time raising money.